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Type of Incident: 2012 L. Anthony Sutin Imagination Award

Date and Time of Incident: August 2, 2012

Location: Community Oriented Policing Services Annual Conference

Incident Narrative:

I am pleased to announce that the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) presented the **2012 L. Anthony Sutin Imagination Award** to Gretta Bush, President of the High Point Community Against Violence (HPCAV) and Retired High Point Police Chief Jim Fealy. The award presentation was made at the Community Policing Conference in Bethesda, MD on August 2, 2012. Gretta and Jim were honored at the monthly HPCAV meeting on 8/08/12 in the High Point City Council Chambers (photos attached).

About the Award:

The L. Anthony Sutin Civic Imagination Award recognizes the efforts of a law enforcement officer and a community member team whose innovative civic interactions have transformed public safety in their community. Nominees are those actively engaged in community collaborations while harnessing the problem-solving philosophy and those engaged with the community in a multifaceted manner that has been sustained over time and has resulted in positive, observable public-safety outcomes. The L. Anthony Sutin Civic Imagination Award is named in memory of Tony Sutin, who served as a founder and Deputy Director of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services from its creation in 1994 until 1996, when he became the principal deputy to the Associate Attorney General of the United States.

Background on the Nomination:

Beginning in 2003, Bush and Fealy brought law enforcement and community together like never before to solve a drug market problem that had plagued High Point neighborhoods for decades. Together they led the implementation of what would become known as the High Point Drug Market Intervention Strategy (DMI). DMI is a multi-dimensional, police-community partnership, focused deterrent strategy, which targets neighborhoods to address violent

crime and illicit drug dealing. The strategy effectively collapses overt drug markets, dramatically reduces violent crime associated with those markets, requires very few arrests and avoids creating the unintentional community harms of traditional drug enforcement. In fact, DMI has been credited with building police-community trust, racial reconciliation and community transformation.

The sustained result of the collaboration is a 34% reduction of indexed violent crime in High Point since 2003. High Point has enjoyed four consecutive years of violent crime reductions for the first time in more than 22 years. The measurable results were as amazing as the observable change in the neighborhood. West End, the first neighborhood, saw violent Part 1 crimes fall 57% compared to before the call-in. This has been sustained for more than 7 years. The result of the partnership they formed in 2004 went on to close five drug markets in High Point; West End, Daniel Brooks, Southside, East Central and Washington Drive.

Gretta Bush and Retired Chief Fealy donated their awards to the High Point Police Department stating it was a team effort and they were happy to accept their individual awards on behalf of the City, the Police Department and the HPCAV.

The awards will be proudly displayed in a display case at the Police Department.



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